

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26th, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – All-Music Celebration Service

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We invite you to sign in on our attendance pads which will be passed out during the Choir Hymn. (indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

Gathering Music	For the Beauty of the Earth (Wayne Oquin)	Betsy Pletscher
Threshold Words	<i>Three Haiku</i> (Peter Massey)	Karina Chernioglo & Riley Price
Threshold Song	"Morning Has Broken" – UMH #145	
Welcome		Betsy Pletscher
*Call to Worship – based on Psalm 148		Sue McGovney
	Come, sing praise to the eternal God! All you in the heavens, angels above – sing praise to God!	
	Sun, moon, and stars in the sky – sing praise to God!	
	Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea – sing praise to God!	
	Lightning and thunder, snow and rain – sing praise to God!	
	Mountains and hills, desert and prairie – sing praise to God!	
	Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds – sing praise to God!	
	Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges – sing praise to God!	
	Men and women, young and old – sing praise to God!	
	Let them all praise the name of God!	
	For God's name stands alone, above all others; God's glory shines over earth and heaven.	
	Let's worship God together!	
Processional Hymn	"All Creatures of Our God and King" – UMH #62	
Opening Prayer & Announcements		Betsy Pletscher
First Reading	<i>The God Who Only Knows Four Words</i> by Hafiz	Betsy Mott
Special Music	From Moonlight Suite: Overture (Zachary Bjurstrom)	Zachary Bjurstrom
*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri	UMH #70	
Second Reading	Many and Great (Joseph Renville)	
Hymn	"God of the Bible, Fresh as the Morning" – W&S #3020	
Third Reading	Excerpt from <i>The Confession of Saint Patrick</i>	James Rogers & Laurie Harmon
Traditional Choir	"Golden Breaks the Dawn" (Tzu-chen Chao/Te-ngai Hu)	
Fourth Reading	<i>Miracles</i> (Walt Whitman)	Zachary Bjurstrom, Jen Price, & Wes Holmquist
Hymn	"How Great Thou Art" – UMH #77	
Invitation to the Offering		Betsy Pletscher
Offertory	<i>Ascribe to the Lord</i> (Jonathan Parlane)	The Parlane Family
*Doxology	"Freely, Freely" - UMH #389	Quynh Parlane
*Offering Prayer		
Gospel Reading	John 1:1-14 (NIV)	Betsy Pletscher
Hymn	"Immortal, Invisible" – UMH #103	
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer – based on Psalm 9		Betsy Pletscher
*Sending Hymn	"Let All Things Now Living" – TFWS #2008	
*Benediction	(<i>A Blessing</i>) by John O'Donohue	Betsy Pletscher
*Sending Forth Music		Zachary Bjurstrom

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SUNDAY NEWS

April 26

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Room 202

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month at the Connect Desk, we will be collecting staple cleaning items for the Spokane Community College Basic Needs Program. Please bring Dollar Store cleaning products like dish soap, dish cloths, oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, Windex, Lysol, Ajax, steel wool pads, bath cleaner, bleach, Pine Glo, disinfectant spray & wipes, carpet cleaner, mops, and buckets. (Items can be purchased from the Dollar Store for cheaper with the same quality.)

SVUMC's Mahan Legacy Scholarship is available to students attending school for an undergraduate or graduate degree during the 2026-2027 academic year. Applicant must be a member or an active constituent of SVUMC. Scholarships will be for a minimum amount of \$800. Please call the church (509-924-7262) to request an application. Completed applications must be received in the church office by May 4, 2026. For any questions, please talk to Gerry Bafus.

Next month at the Connect Desk, we are collecting paper towels and toilet paper for Maddie's Place, a nonprofit recovery nursery for babies experiencing withdrawal due to prenatal substance exposure. Maddie's Place is the newest in our series of Ministries that Matter.

Join us Saturday, May 16 for Lowell Brocklehurst's memorial service at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. Attendees are encouraged to bring stories and memories to share with his many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Lowell's name to: Naomi, Doctors Without Borders, Christian Appalachian Project, Family Promise of Spokane, Mission Community Outreach Center, Shalom Ministries, St. Labre Indian School, and/or Union Gospel Mission.

Lost & Found Have you misplaced a water bottle or glasses recently? We might have them in our Lost & Found! Check the Connect Desk to see if your items are waiting for you.

We're so pleased to be joined today by David Miranda, who is joining our music staff today. Thank you, David!

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.

Love is the Spirit at Spokane Valley UMC – we are a weapons-free and drug-free community. Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping to make our church a safe space for all.

THIS WEEK

4/27 Monday

9:30 am Shirley's Group
10:00 am Walkers
10:00 am Prayer Shawl & Lap Blanket Ministry
2:00 pm Nancy Larson's Group

4/29 Wednesday

9:30 am Disciple 3
10:00 am Walkers

4/30 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
1:00 pm Lois' Group

5/2 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

5/3 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Tracey Partridge
Servers: Pauli Erickson, Jeannie Salyers, Georgiann Cheney, Theresa Meckel
10:00 am Coffee Chat
Shirley's Group
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill our one of the cards in the pews and either place it in the plate on the back table or pass it to an usher when they come by during the choir anthem.



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